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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Subject: Decade of Disabled Persons Report

On November 28, 1983, President Reagan signed a proclamation recognizing 1983 to 1992 as the Decade of Disabled Persons. In remarks he made prior to signing the proclamation the President said, "Let the spirit of the National Decade of Disabled Persons capture our imagination. In partnership between the public and private sector, among national, state and local organizations and between the disabled and the abled we can win the battle for dignity, equality and increased economic opportunity for all Americans."

As you may know House Concurrent Resolution 39 on the Decade of Disabled Persons calls for an annual report from the President to the Congress on the plans developed by the Executive branch in accordance with United Nations General Assembly 37/53 and action taken on those plans. Since the Concurrent Resolution was adopted on July 25, 1983, a report should be prepared for transmittal to the Congress by the President no later than the anniversary of its adoption.

In addition, the United Nations has asked its members to submit a report describing activities carried out in support of the decade. These reports can not be prepared without your input and assistance.

It is my understanding that many of you have already begun plans for an observance of the Decade within your agencies. As Chair Pro Tem of the Cabinet Council on Human Resources, I am requesting that you provide information about your plans and activities, following the attached format, to facilitate the preparation of these reports.

Please submit your information to Don Rheem of my staff by the end of June so that we can meet our reporting date. Attached is the list of members of the Federal Task Force on Disabled Persons who have offered to be of assistance in completing this request. The list includes your representative, should you wish more information.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. I believe that our efforts can be significant for our disabled citizens.

Margaret M. Heckler

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Chair Pro Tem

Cabinet Council on Human Resources

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AGENCY ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO THE DECADE OF DISABLED PERSONS

Agency _____

Contact (please include address and phone number) _____

As appropriate, please describe activities conducted or planned by your agency in each area. Be sure to include regional and field involvement including partnerships with state and local governments and the private sector:

- 1) Expanded educational opportunity
- 2) Improved access to housing, buildings, and transportation
- 3) Expanded employment opportunity
- 4) Expanded participation in recreational, social, and cultural activities
- 5) Expanded and strengthened rehabilitation programs and facilities
- 6) Purposeful application of biomedical research aimed at conquering major disabling conditions
- 7) Reduction in the incidence of disability by expanded accident and disease prevention
- 8) Expanded application of technology to minimize the effects of disability
- 9) Expanded international exchange of information and experience to benefit all disabled persons

List any other activities in support of the Decade (e.g. executive memoranda, special displays, ceremonies, etc.)

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